Grant of Junior Research Fellowship by U.G.C.

6101. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission conducts examinations for post graduate students twice a year for granting them Junior Research Fellowships and making them eligible for lecturership in Universities and Colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the fee for appearing in the said examinations has been doubled from Rs. 100 to Rs. 200/-;

(d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefore;

(e) whether Government would consider reduction and refund of the examination fee;

(f) whether the said examination becomes redundant in the case of first divisioners as the University and the affiliated colleges have already been offering lecturership in the past to such students; and

(g) if so, whether Government would consider the scrapping up of this examination for the first divisioners of Arts, Science and Commerce faculties for making them eligible for lecturership as no such examination is held for students of medicine, engineering and agriculture disciplines ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The University Grants Commission conducts National eligibility Test (NET) examination for post-graduate students twice a year for granting them Junior Research Fellowship and to assess their eligibility for lecturership in University/ College.

(c) and (d) The fee for appearing in the UGC/CSIR NET examination has been raised from Rs. 100.00 to Rs. 200.00 w.e.f. December, 1993 to meet rising expenditure on the conduct of the examination.

(e) The University Grants Commission has decided not to charge any fee from SC/ST candidates for appearing in the NET examination w.e.f. December, 1994.

(f) 55 per cent marks at PG degree level and NET examination is the minimum qualifications for lecturership in Universities/Colleges. Therefore, the question of redundancy of NET examination does not arise.

(g) Does not arise.

Complaint received by ICSE from Sheiling School, Kanpur

6102. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council for Indian School Certificate Examination received any communication from the Supervising Examiner, Sheiling High School Allenganj, Kanpur regarding the recently held examination there:

(b) if so, what was the nature of the communication and what action did Council take on this communication;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted thereof; and

(d) if so, details thereof and action taken ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It was reported to the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) that the seating arrangement for the ICSE 1994 Examination at Sheiling High School, Allenganj, Kanpur was not satisfactory. The Examination hall was reportedly not large enough to accommodate 101 candidates and as a result of which the candidates had to be seated very close to one another. The Council conducted an enquiry into the case and advised to Principal of the concerned school to make alternate and better seating arrangements for the candidates in the examinations to be conducted in future.

Complaints received by ICSE

6103. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints/Communications received by the Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations from various schools/others regarding the ICSE examinations 1993;

(b) whether it is a fact that there were many complaints about shortage of question papers, illegible printing, wrong questions etc.;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the issue was discussed in any of the council meeting; if so, when and the outcome thereof; and

(e) whether the same was brought to the notice of Government; if so, what action has been taken against the concerned Council officials ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) As per information received from the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE), some complaints were received by the Council from the examination centres regarding faulty packing of question papers and mistakes in question papers due to printing errors during the ICSE Examination of 1993. There were no complaints regarding illegible printing of question papers. The members of the Council were apprised of the matter in April, 1993. Since the discrepancies in the packing of question papers and printing errors took place because of the fault of the press, the Council immediately blacklisted the press and imposed a penalty against it. The complaints received by the Council regarding the conduct of ICSE Examination 1993 were not brought to the notice of the Union Government.

Reservation for SCs/STs in Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff of Delhi University

6104. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV "RAVI": Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that reservation for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes for he posts of Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff are made in University of Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The University of Delhi has informed that the reservations for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes are made in the University for teaching as well as non-teaching posts.

(b) In the non-teaching posts, reservation for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes for direct recruitment as well as promotions is being done strictly as per 40 point roster applicable in this regard. As regrds the Other Backward Classes, the Executive Council of the University, at its meeting held on 23-4-1994, has